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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

Automated Library System

The new automated library system has been well received by the public. The web catalogue offers a wealth of information on items in the collection. Many titles have the book cover displayed with reviews, author biographies, table of contents, and some titles include excerpts from the first chapter. The user's personal account screen displays all items on hold with their place in the holds queue. It is here that users may also renew books, cancel holds and view any fees owing. New features of the system are being tested and implemented on a regular basis.

Community Access Program (CAP)

The CAP Summer Youth initiative resulted in 6 students working in 9 branches for the summer. These youth workers delivered such programs as story-times, computer tutorials, reading tutorials, summer camps and activities related to the summer reading program which carried the theme "Quest for Heroes." The CAP program contract through Industry Canada expired on September 30, 2006. This program began in 1995 and was only intended to be a three year program. AVRL has benefited greatly from this program and computer equipment has been refreshed. AVRL has been able to offer quality programming in all branches. This absence of this programming will be missed by the public.

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Conference Attendance

Wendy Trimper and Charlotte Janes attended the 3rd Annual SIRSI Northeast Regional Users Group Conference, June 2006, at Mount Allison University. It was the first time that such a conference has been this close to Nova Scotia. The theme was how other libraries use the various modules of the system we are now using.

Branch Services Report

The annual staff in-service was held on May 29. Workshops included: *Blogs & Wikis*; *Soup Up Your Storytime*; *Two Heads Are Better Than One* (a 2-part teamwork session); *The Aging Population and Library Service*; *Unicorn "refresher" workshops*; and an inspiring author presentation by journalist and author Joan Baxter, who spoke of her adventures during 20 years of living and working in Africa.

Children's Librarian Angela Reynolds attended the American Library Association Conference in New Orleans in June. Angela sits on the Children's Notable Recordings Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the ALA conference is where this committee meets on an annual basis. Angela reviews dozens of recordings over the course of the year and she donates all her submissions to AVRL – more than $3,500 worth of recordings so far this year!

The 2006 Summer Reading Program has been a roaring success, with the first ever Teen SRP considered to be a hit! Statistics are not complete, but the registration for this year's program totalled 1,494 – more than 300 last year. The number of hours spent reading by the teens who signed up was 2,799! Kentville, Kingston and Windsor branches all nearly doubled their SRP sign-ups this year.

Special thanks to AVRL's partner, Upper Clements Park, which provided Fast Passes for all those who completed the program and to Musicstop, which donated an electric guitar for the Teen grand prize. The winner of the grand prize is shown on the right.

With the assistance of 7 summer students, AVRL offered an array of programs and events throughout the valley. In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, AVRL coordinated a book-donation drive known as BookHero. New or nearly new books were donated and sent to mobile libraries around the world – locations such as Mongolia, Azerbaijan, and Nunavut - see http://www.margrietruurs.com/books/adopt.html. The children in these countries receive library service via camels, boats, trains and snowmobiles. Businesses, individuals and service organizations were asked for cash donations to ship the books. Staff member Nick Kasteljanov (aka Captain Underpants) gave up his hair to raise funds for this endeavour!

AVRL has received $2000 from the Canadian Federation of University Women again this year. Three special summer events (*Lilly-o-Silly the storytelling clown*) were held in Kingston, Berwick, and Port Williams, and the remainder of the funds will be used for library programming in several other branches. AVRL has also received a $6,000 grant from the Family Learning Initiative Endowment Fund for the development of an early literacy initiative for the Valley area. The money will be used to offer classes for parents and to develop materials such as bookmarks, posters, etc. The School Board will be one of our partners in this project.

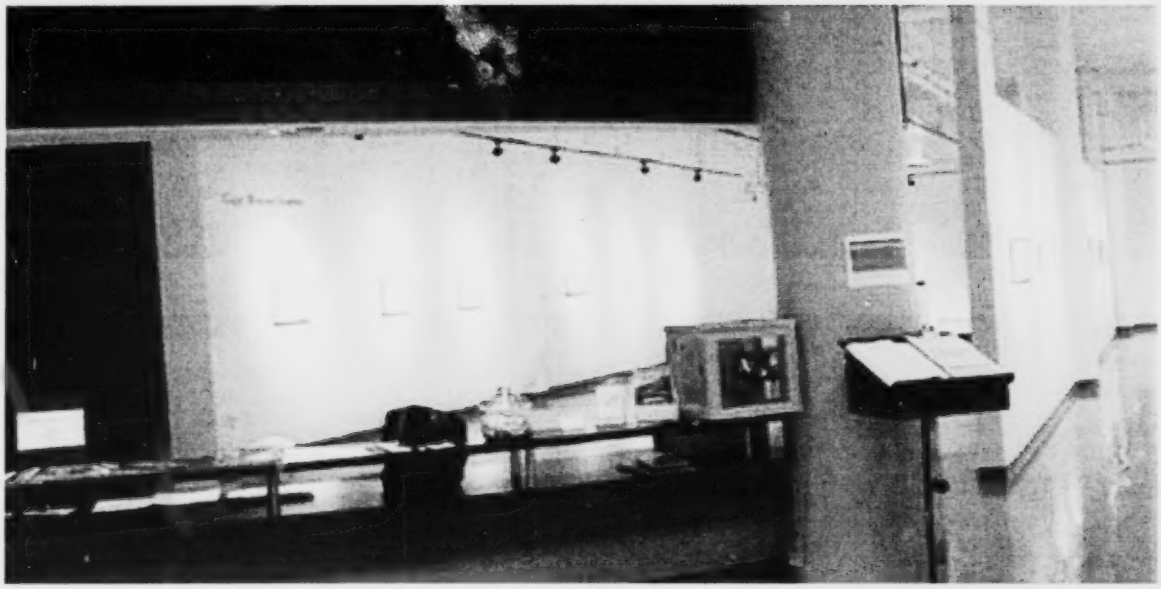
Bookmobile Schedule

Changes in usage patterns prompted a review of the way AVRL provides service to rural areas. The entire bookmobile schedule was reviewed and significant changes were recommended by staff and approved by the Library Board. The biggest changes are the frequency of visits, the elimination of many stops, and the consolidation of others. Beginning in September, community stops will be visited every two weeks. Many smaller, less busy stops and those relatively close to branch libraries have been discontinued. Bookmobiles will continue the usual service and schedule to schools, day cares and special care homes.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

Cape Breton Scenes

An art exhibit depicting fin-de-siecle works by Cape Breton artists Henrietta B. Clarke, Hetty D. Kimber and Louise B. McLennan was presented by the Cape Breton University Art Gallery from June 22 to September 1, 2006. Susan A. Crowdis, Art Gallery Coordinator and curator of the exhibit, included several works by Miss Kimber and Mrs. McLennan from the Cape Breton Regional Library's art collection. These works formed an integral part of the exhibit, along with other representative works painted by these three ladies from the collections of the CB University Art Gallery and the Beaton Institute. Louise B. McLennan was the wife of Senator J. S. McLennan, local historian and author of "Louisbourg From Its Foundations to Its Fall". Hetty D. Kimber, sister of former Sydney Mayor Frederick C. Kimber was a companion of Mrs. McLennan's. Henrietta B. Clarke was the wife of prominent Sydney businessman Wilfred E. Clarke, owner of Clarke's Foundry. The exhibit paid a well deserved tribute to these talented women who created an artistic legacy of Cape Breton Island's diverse landscape.



CBRL's paintings on display at the Cape Breton University Art Gallery.

This summer a puppet group was organized by one of CBRL's summer students, Lindsay Thompson. The group of young teens was very enthusiastic about puppets and performing. They met over the summer months and performed a couple of shows for young children at the McConnell Library. Starting in September they will meet regularly and perform two Saturday afternoons a month.

Lindsay Thompson and a couple of CBRL's new puppets.

Once again, the CBRL was pleased to take part in the TD Summer Reading Club program. This year's 'Quest for Heroes' theme was applied with great success to a variety of craft and games day programs that took place in branches throughout the summer. In June, anticipation for the Summer Reading Program kick-off was high, thanks in part to a Reading Recovery Assistant, Paulette Morrison, whose duties included promoting the Summer Reading Program to local elementary students and teachers.

The success of previous Summer Reading programs and word of mouth helped to add to Summer Reading registrations as well. By the end of the summer, the number of children who completed the program and the number of books read reflected the program's popularity. This year, 627 children read a total of 9,524 books! Every child who read at least 8 books completed the program and received a certificate and prize in recognition of their efforts.

CBRL was very lucky to have a prize winner in the Tattletales Book draw - Kristin Williams from Ingonish won a bag full of wonderful prizes that were generously donated by Anne Whebby, Owner/ Operator of Tattletales Books in Dartmouth.

Kristin Williams, a Summer Reader from Ingonish, won a bag full of prizes donated by Tattletales. Kristin shows off her new Webkinz in this picture.

Colchester-East Hants Public Library (CEHPL)

Staff Recognition

Councillor Lloyd Matheson (centre below), chair of the library board, with staff members who were recognized for milestone years of service.

(L-R): Frances Dionne (25 years), M. Lynda Marsh (25 years), Sandra Phillips (20 years), L. Matheson, Lori MacKenzie (20 years), Janet McLellan (10 years), and Evelyn Caldwell (25 years).

Library Book Cart Precision Drill Team Makes Its Debut! Dressed like wranglers, intrepid Truro staff members kept those wagons rolling down Prince Street during the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Parade.

Heroes' Day - A young participant gets the inside story from a paramedic while sitting in an ambulance on the front lawn of the Truro branch.

Truro branch staff member Patricia Thorsen helps set the mood for the launch of the summer reading program.

Colourful Pigs! Ever so carefully the Singh children buiid their balloon pigs at the Truro branch.

More Cookies Please! Attending her very first Teddy Bear's picnic at the library, this baby had the right head gear.

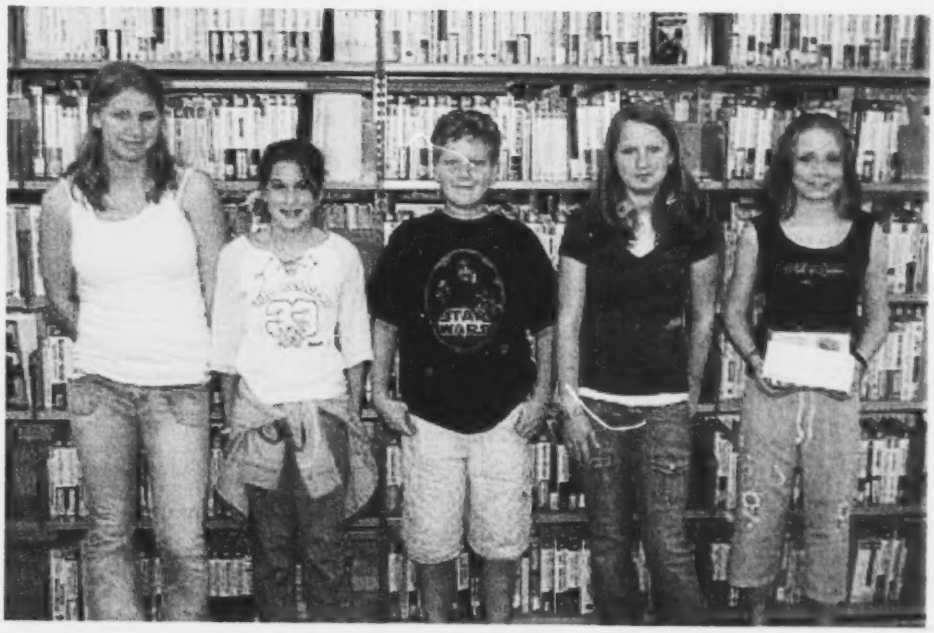
Cumberland Regional Library

Four hundred and ninety three children joined Cumberland's Summer Reading Club and 42 teens participated in the Teen Reading Club for a grand total of 535. Altogether there was a 12% increase in the Children's Reading Club compared to last year, with a 10% increase in the number of books read, and a 58% increase in the number of children who attended programs. A total of 4,317 books were read for the Children's Summer Reading Club. In Amherst, staff kept track of how many books were read by allowing children to put a bead in the "Read-O-Meter" for every 2 books read. The Children's Reading Club ended with wrap up parties in each branch. Other branches had cakes and certificates for the kids. In Parrsboro, a beautiful cake was made by a patron!

Mr. J the magician wowed the kids at the Amherst branch with his amazing tricks and good humour!

Parrsboro Reading Club participants proudly show off their certificates!

The Teen Summer Reading Club had fewer total participants this year; however, there was a huge increase in the number of entries by the students who took part. In total, there were 516 entries over the summer which amounts to an amazing 1,032 hours spent reading. Seen here are some of the lucky teen winners.



Lots of great programs are planned for fall including one with author Vicki Grant promoting her new book for teens. Acadia University professor Craig Evans will be giving a seminar called "Fact & Fiction in the Da Vinci Code". Classic Movie Night, which proved to be a hit in Amherst last winter, will be launched in the Springhill branch this September. Shadow puppet shows will be launched in the Amherst branch this fall. A twist on the classic puppet show, shadow puppets are sure to be a hit. A Colouring Contest is being held in the Springhill Library and Halloween programs are planned for several branches.

Last but not least, the Cumberland and Pictou-Antigonish Regional Libraries are in the process of organizing a "Reading Challenge" between elementary school students in Cumberland County versus Pictou County as a fun way to encourage kids to read.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Eastern Counties Regional Library Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to welcome newly appointed Chief Librarian, Petra Mauerhoff. Petra completed a Bachelor of Arts degree (Honours) in Sociology from Dalhousie University, followed by a Masters in Library and Information Studies, also from Dalhousie University. She has worked in various library and information management positions in Nova Scotia which included positions at Dalhousie University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and Pitney Bowes Management Services. Petra also worked as the Director of Library and Information for the Goethe Institute in Montreal and most recently as the Manager of Nunavut Public Library Services for the Government of Nunavut.

Newly appointed Chief Librarian, Petra Mauerhoff.

The 2006 TD Summer Reading program, "Quest for Heroes" was another success at ECRL, drawing approximately 960 children to over 40 programs and activity sessions. Children were thrilled with the "heroes" theme.

Children especially enjoyed making masks to participate in the annual Mulgrave Scotia days parade held in July.

This summer's book sale again garnered much interest. Approximately $1,500 was raised in four hours. Although thousands of books were sold, many books were left over. These "leftovers" found a new home in Whycocomagh at a recently-opened used book store; a great way to re-cycle books!

June Staff Day

ECRL held its annual June Staff Day in Port Hawkesbury featuring facilitator Elizabeth Morrison who presented the workshop, "Communicating in Challenging Situations". The agenda also included ECRL overview and management updates, a session on the TD Summer Reading Program, and a staff luncheon honoring employees who had reached milestones with the library. Chief Librarian Dave Cumby retired in August after more than 22 years with ECRL to pursue a Masters of Divinity degree at Acadia University. ECRL staff pose below for a picture at the June staff day. Sandra Dixon, 35 years; Ann Campbell, 25 years; Lesley Carruthers and Fabienne Clavel, both 5 years. Also honoured was Canso Library Clerk June Jarvis who retired after 16 years and Chief Librarian, Dave Cumby.

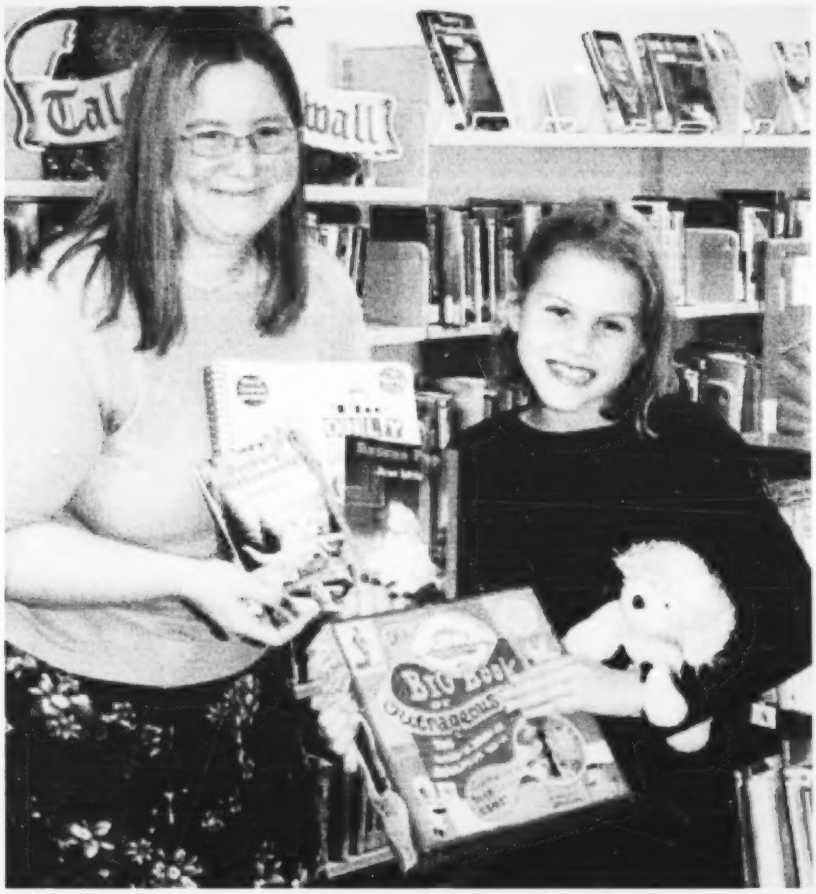
ECRL staff pose for a picture. They received certificates and small gifts.

Halifax Public Libraries (HPL)

TD Summer Reading Club "Quest for Heroes"

The Keshen Goodman Public Library hosted the official TD Summer Reading Club kick off party on June 28. More than 100 young readers registered for the Quest for Heroes and were entertained by Chuckles the Clown. Other special guests included Debbie Hum, Vice-Chair of the Halifax Public Libraries Board and Councillor for Rockingham and Wentworth, Todd Dickey, Branch Manager of TD Canada Trust in Clayton Park and Joanne Walsh, a grade four teacher and Park West Elementary School. Below, kids watch Chuckles the Clown perform.

Left to Right: Debbie Hum, Karen Dahl, Cynthia Gatto, Todd Hickey, Joanne Walsh and Sarah Wenning kicked off the TD Summer Reading Club at the Keshen Goodman Library.



It was a proud moment for both Youth Librarian Lara MacAllister (left) and Emily Flanigan, age 8, at the Bedford branch of Halifax Public Libraries. Emily won the Tattletales prize in the age 7- 9 category.

Heroes Welcome

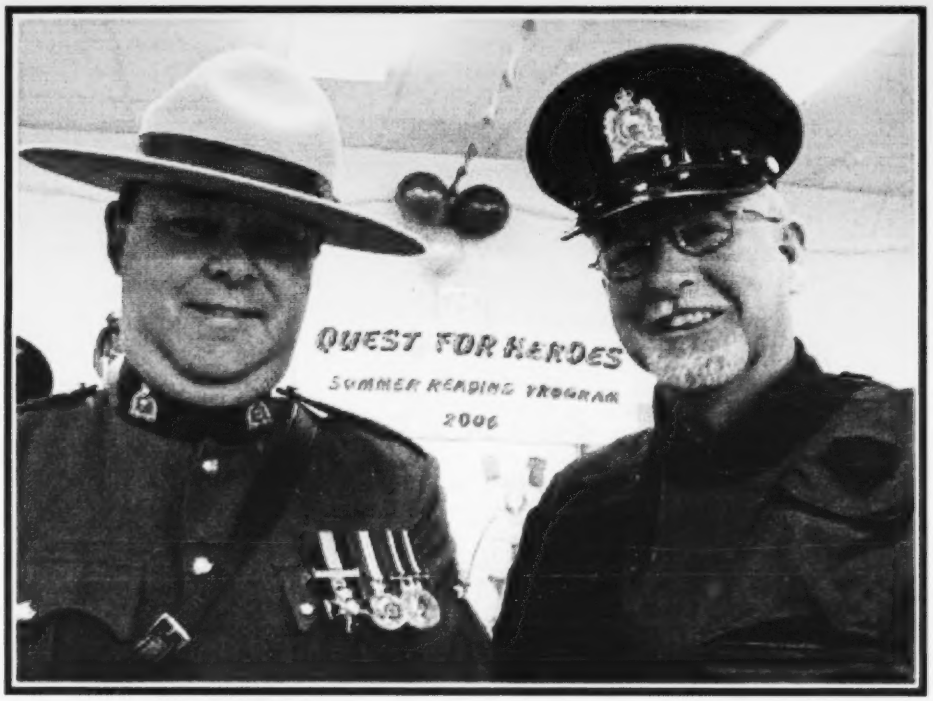
In keeping with this year's summer reading program theme, many branches hosted real life community heroes - inviting local firefighters, police officers and paramedics to drop by the library. During a visit to the Tantallon branch, firefighters and police officers were given a hero's welcome when they were greeted by nearly 100 children, all eager to see the trucks and cruisers up close and to learn about the daily work of emergency response teams.

Left: Children at the Tantallon Public Library check out a fire truck during visit from some local heroes.

More than 4,400 children throughout the Halifax library system registered for the program, and read a total of 44,538 books. Here's what one parent had to say about her son's Summer Reading Club experience: "Jason's reading has noticeably improved over the summer. He struggled a little at the beginning, but his comprehension and speed have really picked up. He was always a good reader, but thanks to this program, reading has become fun for him."

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

PARL is very pleased to announce the secondment of Constable John Kennedy of the Stellarton RCMP detachment. Kennedy will take up residence in the headquarters of PARL for his two year term to promote the development and expansion of the Adopt a Library Literacy Program, which he founded in the winter of 2000. As the first program of its kind in Canada to join forces with a regional library, the organizers believe this partnership will provide a launching point for a lasting national presence.



Constable Kennedy poses with Lee Henderson of the Truro Town Police during the Summer Reading Program party with this year's theme, Quest For Heroes, in the background.

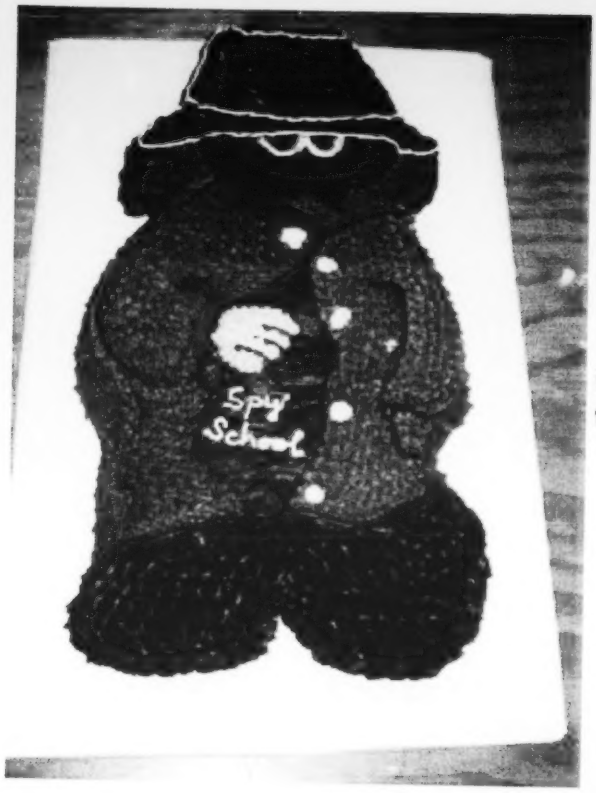
Staff of the Summer Reading Program held an end of season party for children in August. To recognize PARL's involvement in the Adopt A Library Literacy Program and its partnership with law-enforcement agencies, surrounding police forces were invited to send an officer to the party. Here we see Sergeant Law Power of the Pictou County District RCMP sharing a book with a young firefighter.

South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

Margaret Atwood read to a full house on July 3 at the Pearl Theatre in Lunenburg. The show, sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts and hosted by the Friends of the Library, raised almost $2,000 for new books. Friends of the Library posed with Ms. Atwood after the reading.

Curtis Swinamer, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Rotary Club of Bridgewater and District, in the picture below checks out some cool spy gadgets with Hannah and Dakota at the Bridgewater Library's Spy School. The Rotary Club generously sponsored the program. Students read great spy stories, learned how to spy and observe, created codes, ciphers and cool disguises, created a spy identity, made cool spy gadgets and took fingerprints in the seven week 'course'. A total of 107 kids participated in Spy School this summer at 7 locations throughout the South Shore.

Right: Some of the young agents who received their certificates at Spy School in New Ross and who are now Junior Agents.



Left: A Spy School cake was provided by parents at the closing ceremony in Port Medway.

Staff News

Long time employee Sharon (Chapman) Stone resigned in September after 25 years of service with the South Shore Regional Library Technical Services Department. Congratulations also go out to Sharon on her recent marriage to Paul Stone.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

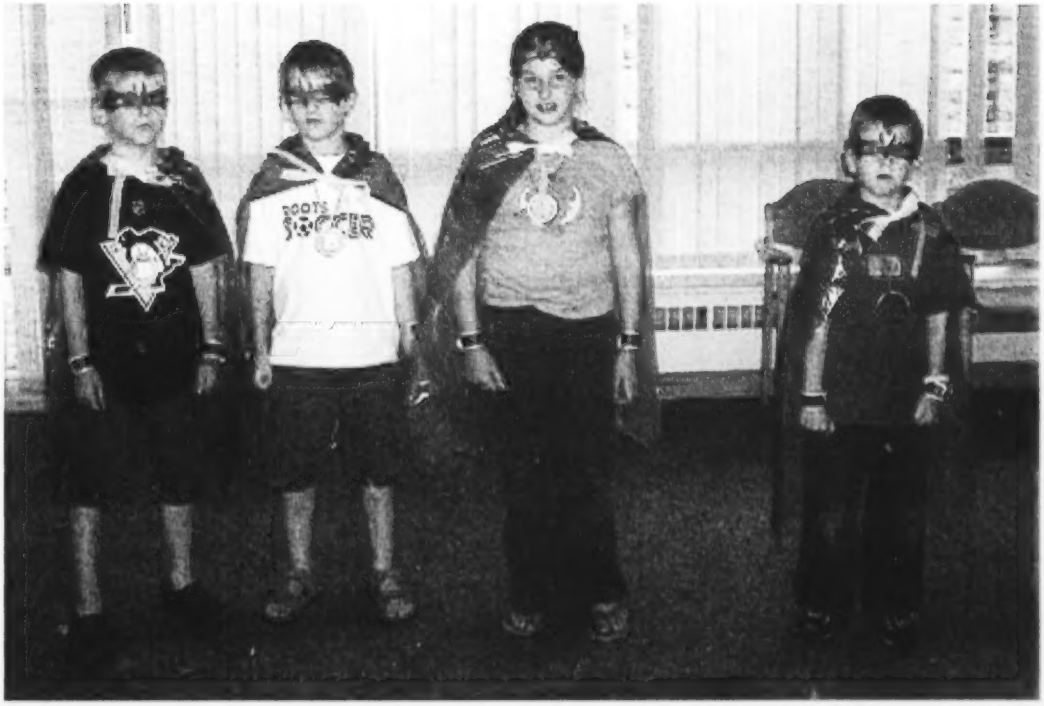
New era for library service in Municipality of Barrington

The opening of the new Barrington Municipal Library on August 1 heralded a new era for library service in the Municipality of Barrington and special ceremonies in honour of Barrington's new community economic development centre were held at Owaissa Park. Since it opened on June 20, the new library has seen an increase in traffic as people check out the expanded facility. More than 1,000 new titles are housed at the new home of the Barrington branch of Western Counties Regional Library. Regional director Trudy Amirault promised 1,000 new titles at the sod turning ceremonies last fall and 69 new titles were adopted by the people of Barrington during the recently completed Adopt-a-Book campaign. Along with expanded hours, library services coordinator Joanne Head expects the new facility and the infusion of new materials will raise circulation numbers beyond 2005 totals, which saw circulation at the branch jump nearly 13 per cent from 2004 to 25,346 items.

From left to right: Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament for South Shore-St. Margaret's; Gary Archibald, Chairman of the Board for the Western Counties Regional Library; and Warden Louise Halliday of the Municipality of the District of Barrington cut the ribbon to officially open the new Barrington Branch Library.

With an accessible program room and nine computers for public use (seven with Internet access, one devoted to children and one for accessing the library catalogue), Joanne Head says there has already been an increase in demand for the computers and summer visitors and tourists dropped in over the summer and she anticipated there will be expansion of programming at the branch in the coming months. The original Barrington branch opened in 1981 in Barrington Passage and has always been heavily used by its patrons, but the old facility became so crowded there was little room to do research, to use computers or just to relax and browse through a book before deciding whether to borrow it. Accessibility was an issue, especially for programming, since the program room was on the second floor. All of these deficiencies have been addressed in the new facility. The dream of opening a new library in Barrington could not have been realized without the help of the Barrington Friends of the Library, headed by the tireless efforts of Marjorie Weeks, and the support of the council and staff of the Municipality of Barrington.

A young family enjoys the spacious children's room at the new Barrington Branch of the Western Counties Regional Library.



Some local superheroes display their new costumes following a Summer Reading Club program at the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library in Yarmouth this summer.

Jusslie Barr of Digby was the provincial winner of the TD Summer Reading Club prize package of books, puzzles and toys. Barr, who attended the club at the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library in Digby, was one of three provincial winners of the Summer Reading Club prize package from Tattletales Books. The Summer Reading Club is a library initiative to maintain children's reading levels in a fun way during the summer months.

Travelling photographic exhibit captured piece of fishing history

An exhibit traveling through all 10 branches of the Western Counties Regional Library offers ta glimpse into southwestern Nova Scotia's family album. *Fishing Fundy Waters* is an exhibit of photographs by celebrated American documentary photographer John Collier Jr. (1913-1992). The photographs throw the spotlight on life along Nova Scotia's southwestern tip in the immediate post-Second World War period by focusing on its source of sustenance, the fishery. Collier photographed lobster fishermen and clam diggers. His images captured hand lining and scallop dragging. Through his lens, the viewer can gain a better understanding of the roots from which today's diverse and flourishing fisheries grew.The photographs in this exhibit were taken by Collier between 1950 and 1951 when he was working with Dr. Alexander Leighton of Smith's Cove. Leighton was able to procure a grant so that Collier could produce photographs showing the life of residents of this area. They are a stunning visual record, says Western Counties Regional Library director Trudy Amirault. Amirault is a member of the Wilson Collier Committee that has been working to realize the goal of sharing this visual legacy for more than five years. Each month the exhibit will move to another branch until next summer when the exhibit will be on display at the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management in Halifax before returning to Digby, where it will remain on permanent display.

A library patron takes a closer look at a photograph that is part of *Fishing Fundy Waters*, an exhibit of photographs by celebrated American documentary photographer John Collier Jr.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY (SIM)

Bertrum MacDonald promoted to professor

The School of Information Management (SIM) is pleased to announce that Dr. Bertrum MacDonald was promoted to the rank of Professor on July 1, 2006.

Dr. MacDonald's has demonstrated a particularly effective commitment to the learning and broad intellectual development of students. During his career to date, Dr. MacDonald has regularly taught two required courses, Research Methods and Information in Society, and a broad array of elective courses fitting his own interests and specialized knowledge in government information, science and technology and history of the book.

Dr. MacDonald has a very well-established research record and is known internationally. He has received numerous grants, internal and external, and most recently was one of seven Canadian scholars to receive a Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant from SSHRC in 2000 for the History of the Book in Canada project. Dr. MacDonald's extensive bibliographical work in developing research databases of primary and

secondary materials has facilitated research that would otherwise not have been possible. Dr. MacDonald has won several significant awards in addition to the prestigious Tremaine Medal including, most recently, and with two colleagues, the GreyNet Award (2004) for scholarship in the realm of grey literature. Dr. MacDonald has been very active in scholarly and professional conferences and publications. He has been consistent in his support of several scholarly societies dealing with the history of science in particular. As co-chair of the conference committee, he contributed many hundreds of hours to the organization of an international conference held at Dalhousie in July 2005 (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing).

Norman Horrocks Named Officer of the Order of Canada

The Faculty of Management is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Norman Horrocks, Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor, School of Information Management as an Officer of the Order of Canada. This award recognizes "a lifetime of achievement and merit of a high degree."

Dr. Horrocks began his library career in Manchester, England, from 1943-53, during which time he interrupted by three years in the British Army's Intelligence Corps. He then worked in Cyprus, Western Australia and the U.S. before joining Dalhousie in 1971. He became Director of the School of Library and Information Studies (now the School of Information Management) and later was also Dean of the Faculty of Management. He left in 1986 to become Editorial Vice President of Scarecrow Press, a leading reference book publisher in Metuchen, NJ, until he returned to Dalhousie in 1995.

In 2004, Dr. Horrocks was awarded the International Kaula Gold Medal, having earlier become the only person to have been elected to Honorary Membership in the three national library Associations—Canadian, British and American. Other awards received have been from the American Library Association, the Association for Library and Information Science Education, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, Beta Phi Mu (the international honour society for library and information studies), Dalhousie University School of Information Management Associated Alumni, the New Jersey Library Association, the Nova Scotia Library Association and both Pittsburgh and Rutgers Universities. In 2003 the Nova Scotia Library Association established the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership. Norman has his BA in Constitutional History from the University of Western Australia, his MLS and PhD from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals of the UK and an Associate of the Library Association of Australia. He continues to be active in the School of Information Management and is an adviser and mentor to many, both in Canada and around the world.

The School of Information Management followed up the announcement by hosting an evening reception on September 21 at the Great Hall, University Club, Dalhousie University, to celebrate the achievements of Dr. Norman Horrocks. (See the article above, which describes how Dr. Horrocks was recently named an Officer of the Order of Canada). This successful event was arranged by the Associated Alumni and the School of Information Management and was co-sponsored by many library associations. The event included short speeches in honour of Norman.

Left to right: Emily Landriault, student, Dalhousie Faculty of Management; Dr. Norman Horrocks; Madeleine Lefebvre, University Librarian at Saint Mary's University.

Left to right: Jennifer Richard, Academic Librarian, Acadia University; Fiona Black, Director, School of Information Management; Sandra Horrocks; Sarah Pace.

Dr. Norman Horrocks and Alexandra Care, student, Dalhousie Faculty of Management.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Staff Notes

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Denise Parrott to the position of Research and Planning Librarian, effective September 25, 2006. Denise is a graduate of the Dalhouse School of Information Management and Memorial University of Newfoundland. She has 17 years experience working in public libraries in Nova Scotia, including the Halifax County Regional Library and Halifax Public Libraries, in children's services, technical services, and branch management.

On July 31, 2006 Judy Beattie retired after 37 years with the Provincial Library. She originally started

work in the Technical Services Section, but left for another position outside government. Later the same year Judy returned to the Provincial Library in the Administration Section to take up the bookkeeping work.

Some of the things keeping her busy at this time are helping her husband, Murray, in his business, going to the cottage, and doing some renovations on her house. Judy hopes that she and Murray can do a bit more travelling around the province. Finally, Judy enjoys a number of hobbies so "filling my spare time (what spare time??) will not be a problem".

From Left to Right: Nova Scotia Provincial Library staff members Michael Colborne, Olive Lattie, Judy Beattie and Jennifer Evans.

Summer Reading Program Prizes

Every fall, at the end of September, Nova Scotia Provincial Library staff share a very enjoyable task! They draw three winning ballots from a huge box of ballots - entries sent in by the hundreds from the Nova Scotia Public Libraries. Prizes are donated every year by Anne Whebby, Owner/Operator of Tattletales Books in Dartmouth. In 2006, as usual, there were three age categories for the prizes - up to age 6, 7-9, and 10 plus. Most of the readers are ages 2 to 14, and the winners are always delighted.

Dale MacMillan, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, helps out every year in the Summer Reading Program. In this photo, Dale holds up some of the prizes won by one lucky child!

Teleconferences hosted by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library (NSPL)
Upcoming Audio Conferences and Teleconferences for Fall 2006

This fall the Provincial Library will be hosting the following audio conferences from the Education Institute of The Partnership of the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada:

- **Conflict Resolution: Yes, It Can Be Resolved** with Rebecca Jones, co-founder and principal of Dysart & Jones Associates.
Monday, October 30th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. AST.

- **Making Reading Programs Fly: 30 Ideas in 60 Minutes** with Sya Van Geest and Liz Kerr, teachers who have worked with literacy and the development of Ontario's reading programs. **Thursday, November 9th, 5:00-6:00 p.m. AST.**

- **Community Development in a Library Context** with Annette DeFaveri, National Coordinator of the Working Together Project.
Thursday, November 23rd, 4:00-5:00 p.m. AST.

- **15 Minutes a Day! All It Takes to Keep Up in a 2.0 World** with Stephen Abram,

President Elect of the Special Libraries Association, Past President of the Canadian Library Association and Vice President Innovation of Sirsi Corporation. **Thursday, November 30th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. AST.**

- **Top Tech Trends for 2007** with **Michael Stephens, an Instructor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. Tuesday, December 12th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. AST.**

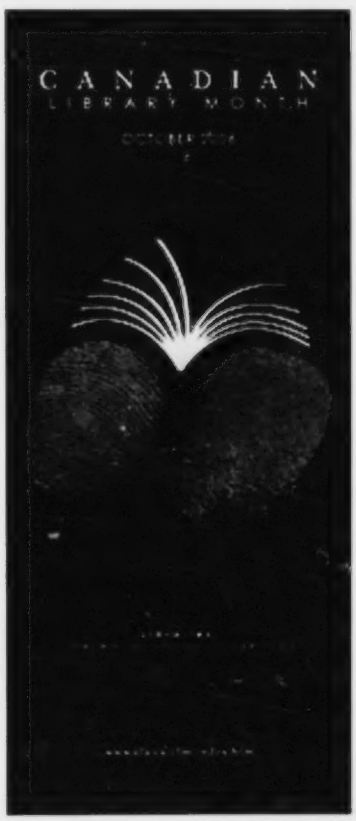
For details on these audio conferences see the Education Institute calendar at **http://www.thepartnership.ca/cgi-bin/site/showPage.cgi?page=education/calendar.html**.

On Friday, October 27th the Provincial Library will host the first of the *Soaring to Excellence* series of satellite teleconferences from the College of DuPage for the 2006-2007 season. The title of this teleconference is "Best New Technologies: Keeping Up with the Storm". Details will be sent out closer to the time of the teleconference.

To register for any of these upcoming programs contact Carol Morris at **morrisc@gov.ns.ca** or phone 902-424-2477.

Canadian Library Month

Canadian Library Month will be launched October 3, 2006 and will be celebrated under the theme " Libraries: the world at your fingertips / Les bibliothèques : le monde au bout des doigts. " The partners involved in planning this national month have developed an information kit which contains valuable resources to help in planning activities in your library. A poster, fact sheets, press releases, and a list of suggested activities are available at **http://www.cla.ca/clm/toolkit.html**.



HOT TIPS AND UPDATES

NSLA 2006

Working Smarter to Achieve Results! with Presenter Tony Mancini

Lesley Carruthers, Coordinator of Outreach Services, Eastern Counties Regional Library wrote that "This was a very practical workshop aimed to save us all some time and improve our organizational skills. Tony advocated that we should "Work Smarter" by making use of best practice tools, best practice processes, and best practice behaviors." Here are some of the notes Lesley took:

- Don't reinvent the wheel...use proven practices!
- Communicate more effectively, know exactly what you want to do next, do what you say you will do, and do it when you say you'll do it.
- Set expectation dates on emails.
- Have a daily plan with two levels of priority and know how long the task will take.
- Average time spent on emails in America is half the working day! To improve this, improve your subject line.
- If it's urgent use the phone. Emotions can't be interpreted through email; so be very clear.
- If a conflict arises, and emails are being sent back and forth, get up and have a face to face meeting.
- Organize your emails into folders or mail boxes according to topic (i.e. projects, staff, etc) as they are easier to retrieve if needed.
- Only use a folder when the email has been dealt with.
- Make a "Pending" folder for items that you have to deal with later and an "Old Emails" folder ...they can be sorted later.
- At the end of the day, clear your folders and plan your next day.
- Use self-analysis and pick 2 or 3 areas that you can improve upon.
- Stay focused...it takes 21 days to make or break a habit. Every 2 weeks, choose a different focus.

2006 Recipient of the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership

Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library, has been named the 2006 recipient of the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership. The award was presented on

September 30 during the annual conference of the Nova Scotia Library Association.

The award was established to honor leadership in the Nova Scotia library community and is given by the Nova Scotia Library Association for distinguished contributions to the promotion and development of library service in the province. The award is named for Dr. Norman Horrocks, an Officer of the Order of Canada and Professor Emeritus at the Dalhousie University School of Information Management. Eric Stackhouse is an innovator and risk-taker who has consistently shown creativity and leadership in the public library community and beyond. His fearless management style and willingness to think "outside the box" have resulted in major improvements in his own library system, the communities in his region, and in libraries throughout the province.

His belief in the power of information technology to transform communities has led him to take a leadership role within the Community Access Program and other technology-related initiatives. He is presently Chair of the Nova Scotia CAP Association and has represented Nova Scotia on national CAP bodies. He is also Chair of the Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative, a multi-sector group dedicated to adding Nova Scotia content on the Web. In 2003, he organized an Innovation and CAP Summit which brought together IT innovators from across Canada for an intensive three-day meeting. He has partnered with Service Nova Scotia to develop the Business Room, a web-based information portal of information for the business community.

Stackhouse has made his library an agent for community development in Pictou and Antigonish counties. Under his leadership, several of his library branches have been renovated and expanded, and the branch in River John has a whole new facility, an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through community effort in a very rural area. A new development project he champions concerns the effective development of public spaces and a workshop he has organized on the topic for municipalities, libraries and government officials has just been held. His partnership with the RCMP has resulted in the award-winning Adopt-a-Library literacy program which offers incentives for youth to improve their literacy skills through use of the library.

Stackhouse is a sought-after speaker and has presented several times at the Canadian Library Association Conferences. In 2005 he was invited to give the keynote address at the Library Association of Ireland's national conference on innovation. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and received his Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Western Ontario. Prior to joining the staff at Pictou-Antigonish in 1997, he was employed at Eastern Counties Regional Library and London (Ont.) Public Library as well as the Harriet Irving Library at the University of New Brunswick.

His focus on working with individuals and communities to show what public libraries can really accomplish has resulted in a number of awards for him and for the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library. These include the Canada Post Literacy Award for Community Leadership, the Random House of Canada Friends of the Year Award, the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce Technology Achievement Award and three Industry Canada LibraryNet Best Practices awards.

Nova Scotia Library Association Establishes a New Award and Presents Student Prizes

The Nova Scotia Library Association has voted to establish an award for library support staff in the

province. Nova Scotia Library Association members voted in favor of the award at their annual conference held in Halifax September 29 to October 1. The award will honor a support staff worker who has demonstrated excellence and has made a major contribution to the library community. NSLA decided to focus this award on support staff in recognition of their level of participation in the association and their important contributions to the delivery of library service in the province. Staff in libraries are of two major types – professional librarians and support staff. Professional librarians have a Masters degree in library and information science from a university whose program is accredited internationally. Support staff may have training as library technicians or in other specialized fields, or may learn their skills on the job.

Two established awards were also presented at the conference, both for student achievement. Jessica Laroque of Fredericton was presented with the award for the graduate of the Dalhousie University School of Information Management with high academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to public libraries. Terry Matthews received the award for the student in the Nova Scotia Community College's Library and Information Technology program who has made the greatest contribution to the overall program.

For more information on these awards, please contact the Awards Committee Chair - Trudy Amirault, Regional Library Director, Western Counties Regional Library, Tel 902-742-2486; Fax 902-742-6920. Email **tamiraul@nsy.library.ns.ca**.

Word on the Street 2006

Nova Scotia Provincial Library staff and Mary Landry from Eastern Counties Regional Library shared a table with the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award coordinator, Norene Smiley. Staff encouraged visitors to the table to view nominated books for the Hackmatack 2006-07 awards. In addition, visitors were invited to browse materials that promoted the province's public libraries, ask questions and give their feedback. Most of the feedback was very positive, and people who lived in rural areas expressed their need and love for mobile branches. Every hour, staff drew ballots for books, tapes, videos, colouring books, etc.

Left to right: Winner Christie Taylor; Sheila Currie, sister Adrianna and her baby.

W. Kaye Lamb Award for Services to Seniors

The Maple Ridge Public Library, part of the Fraser Valley Regional Library, was named the 2006 winner of the W. Kaye Lamb Award for Services to Seniors and the award presentation was made during the 2006 CLA Annual Conference. The award recognizes a library that has developed an ongoing service, program or procedure of benefit to seniors and/or a design and organization of buildings or facilities that improve access and encourage use by seniors. The CLA website has a page on the award at **http://www.cla.ca/awards/wklamb.htm**.

LINKed

This month's LINKed column features a grab bag of interesting and useful reference sites. From a database with information on Canadian plants, quilt databases, a database on how products are made to a Scottish tartan database and a database on historic buildings and places in Nova Scotia these sites are sure to be useful.

The Evergreen Native Plant Database at **http://www.evergreen.ca/nativeplants** has information about trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses and vines for all of Canada. Evergreen is a non-profit environmental organization and the plant database was created with the collaboration of native plant experts, organizations and volunteers. In the Guided Search you can browse plants by province and type. There is also an Advanced Search where you can tailor the search criteria to your needs.

The Quilt Index at **http://www.quiltindex.org** was created and developed by the Alliance for American Quilts in partnership with Michigan State University's MATRIX: Center for Humane Arts, Letters and Social Sciences Online and the Michigan State University Museum. There is a quick search box on the main

page or you can click on Search on the black bar at the top of the page to do a more detailed search or to browse by various categories. There are color pictures available for each quilt and lots of descriptive information for each one. Currently there are over 1,800 quilts in the index and there are plans to add to it. Another searchable collection of quilts is at the web site of the International Quilt Study Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln **http://www.quiltstudy.org** which has nearly 2000 quilts. Here there is a color image of each quilt with descriptive details.

How Products Are Made at **http://www.madehow.com** is a seven volume set originally published in print format by the Gale Group, now Thomson Gale. They have made the contents of all seven volumes available free of charge at this web site. You can search the complete contents or browse alphabetically by products.

The Scottish Tartans Authority web site features the *International Tartan Index at* **http://www.tartansauthority.com/Web/Site/Search/searchintroduction.asp** where all known historical tartans are recorded and documented. You can search the index by tartan or by surname. The results include a picture of each tartan with its name, category, designer and alternate name. More detailed information is limited to members. The Scottish Tartans Authority web site also has a lot of background information on tartans and the clan system.

Nova Scotia Historic Places Initiative **http://www.nshistoricplaces.ca** is the provincial counterpart to the Canadian Historic Places Initiative website **http://historicplaces.ca**. The Nova Scotia site features the Nova Scotia Register of Historic Places, an online database of information and photographs of Nova Scotia's historic houses, churches, canals, cemeteries, and other historic places.

Web sites which were featured in previous "Linked" columns are arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at **http://www.library.ns.ca/services/reference/index.htm**. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at **morrisc@gov.ns.ca**.

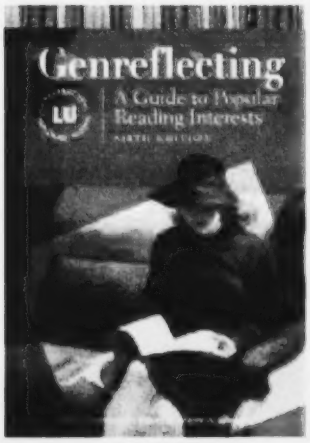
PROFESSIONAL COLUMN

In this issue of the Disseminator, two recent additions to the Professional Collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to **inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca**

Fisher, Patricia H. *Blueprint for your library marketing plan : a guide to help you survive and thrive.* Chicago : American Library Association, 2006. Call No. 021 .7 FIS

A step-by-step guide for creating and implementing a marketing plan to attract patrons and funding by focusing on specific needs. Techniques outlined in the book help you lay the groundwork through strategic planning, write the marketing plan, create and position services and programs using marketing planning, implement the plan and evaluate results.

Herald, Diana Tixier. *Genreflecting : a guide to popular reading interests.* Westport, Conn. : Libraries Unlimited, 2006. Call No. 823 .0016 HER



This is the sixth edition of this classic readers' advisory guide. It focuses on titles published since the last edition. There are useful essays on readers' advisory and a chapter on "The Readers' Advisory Interview" is included. The popular genre sections are Historical Fiction, Westerns, Crime, Adventure, Romance, Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror as well as two sections new to this edition - Christian Fiction and Emerging Genres.

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